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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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EXDIS MUNICH FOR GILMORE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, ECON, PL

SUBJECT: RFE TREATMENT OF PRICE RISES

REFS: WARSAW 4657, WARSAW 4666, MUNICH 1545

1. FOR MUNICH: WE ARE REPEATING TWO WARSAW CABLES TO
YOU ON GIEREK'S REACTION TO RFE COMMENTARY.

2. FOR WARSAW: WE WILL INDEED CLOSELY EXAMINE SCRIPTS
OF BROADCASTS MADE AVAILABLE TO US BY CONGEN MUNICH.
THUS FAR, SCRIPTS AVAILABLE TO US (AND TO EMBASSY) FOR
JUNE 24-26 INDICATE THAT, WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS,
RFE COVERAGE AND COMMENTARY HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY
RESTRAINED AND WITHIN GUIDELINES. WE WILL OF COURSE STUDY
THESE AND OTHER SCRIPTS CLOSELY BEFORE MAKING ANY FINAL
DETERMINATION. ONE SCRIPT WE FOUND PARTICULARLY TROUBLE-
SOME WAS "FACTS AND VIEWS" NO. 5010, JUNE 28, ENTITLED
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"DISINFORMATION" WHICH, INTER ALIA, ALLUDED TO-A "DEEPENING

HIATUS" BETWEEN PARTY AND PEOPLE, AND ACCUSED POLISH
OFFICIALDOM OF "BREAKING THEIR PROMISES, CREATING SUCH
TENSION IN POLAND THAT ANYTHING COULD HAVE BECOME THE
LAST STRAW." COMMENTARY ALSO ALLEGED PARTY HAS ATTEMPTED
TO PLAY SOCIAL GROUPS OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER, AND CONCLUDES
THAT "THE PARTY HAS OVERDONE ITSELF IN DISINFORMATION,

IN INVECTIVES AGAINST WORKERS, IN INSINUATIONS AGAINST
THE WHOLE NATION." WE REGARD PARTS OF SCRIPT AS
BORDERING ON ADVOCACY OF SOME FORM OF PUBLIC ACTION AGAINST
"LAST STRAW." WE PLAN TO RAISE THIS SCRIPT HERE WITH
BIB EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY'S THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF
SCRIPTS, AS WELL AS OF ANY BROADCASTS EMBASSY WAS ABLE
TO MONITOR. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND EVALUATIONS WILL BE
KEY FACTOR IN OUR DECISION ON HOW TO RESPOND TO GIEREK'S
AND OTHER POLISH OFFICIALS' COMPLAINTS. KISSINGER

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